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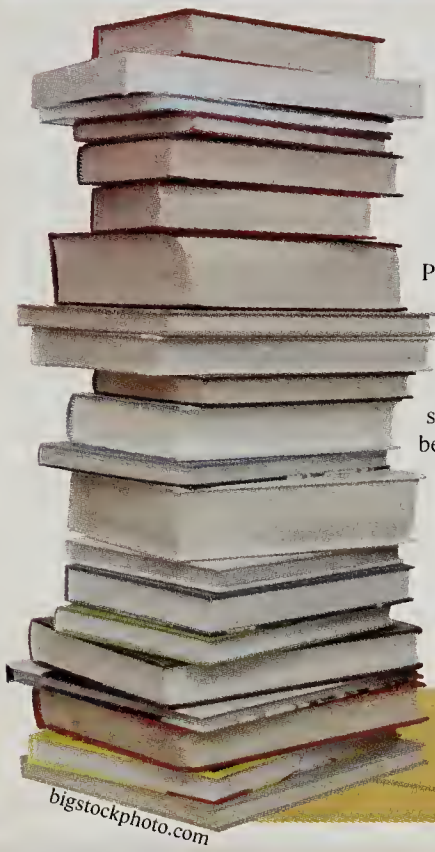

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The PUC Library: where do professors stand?

Joelle Halon
News Editor

In the article "The PUC Library may not have it all," which ran the week of Oct. 19, discussed the PUC library and how the students' needs weren't being met in terms of research facilities and material availability. In addition to the students, some professors also have been sharing their frustrations.

Many of the professors on campus use the PUC library for their own research and often recommend that students peruse the library for materials before looking at other options such as Interlibrary Loan and visiting other area libraries. For English students and professors, finding the material needed is like searching for a very fine needle in a haystack.

English composition professor Carolyn Boiarsky uses the PUC library for her own scholarship. While doing her research, Boiarsky stated she "would need to do Interlibrary Loan, which can be fine sometimes and other times very, very slow. I've gone to other libraries when I've needed something quickly."

PUC English professor Mita Choudhury mentioned lacking material isn't the administration's fault, but is due to the nature of the university. Choudhury stated "there isn't a PhD program on any of the PUC campuses; that is why we have what we have—one floor of a building that houses materials for many departments."

With the above considered, PUC currently has over 100 hundred degree programs available.

"In terms of my classes, I've made sure the library orders the books I need, and I've tried to keep up over the years," Boiarsky stated. "The major problem I have is that the library does not carry some of the journals I need. That has meant that I've ordered them and paid for them myself, and they are part of my own library."

"It's very important for students to have a standalone structure," Choudhury said. "It would be attractive to create an environment where students feel comfortable to browse resources and books."

Purdue Lafayette has the Hicks Undergraduate Library, a standalone complex housing many materials for the areas of study available there. Many of the Interlibrary Loan orders come from Purdue Lafayette. Granted that Lafayette is the larger campus, why can't PUC have a standalone library to cater to its ever-growing population?

"Students deserve a standalone structure within the next 10 to 15 years," Choudhury stated. "Without a standalone and

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For more information for the Right to Research petition, please visit www.righttoresearch.org.

Planned Parenthood makes economical move and lowers price of birth control by half

Andrea Drac
Assistant News Editor

Stores, restaurants, and organizations all over America have been lowering their prices due to the economy. Planned Parenthood is no exception. Recently, Planned Parenthood lowered the price of its birth control pills to $12, which is half the price of what they were.

"On average, our normal birth control prices are about $5 less than at most pharmacies, and now we have our half-price pill option," Liz Carroll, Vice President of Patient Services for Planned Parenthood of Indiana, said.

The idea to offer half-price pills started a month and a half ago due to the situation of the economy. According to a press release written by PPIN Media Spokesperson Kate Shepherd, health care should not be put on the back burner during these tough economic times.

According to Shepherd, if people put off annual exams and don't use birth control consistently because of financial concerns, then they become more vulnerable to unintended pregnancy and disease. She believes it's crucial that routine health care becomes a priority.

"We have all been affected by the economic downturn in one way or another and even in these difficult times, Planned Parenthood of Indiana remains committed to providing quality, affordable health care to our patients," Betty Cockrum, PPIN President and CEO, said. Cockrum states "patients have been telling us that affordable birth control is important now more than ever so we're very pleased to be offering these popular birth control pills at a discounted rate to keep health care affordable for our patients."

The half-price pills are available to all patients who come into Planned Parenthood, and up to a year's supply of pills can bought in one visit.

"We are trying to help patients simplify their lives," Carroll said. "Women can get life-saving screenings, quality care and their birth control supplies in one visit, saving time and money."

Aside from offering half-price pills, PPIN also encourages Planned Parenthood patients to take advantage of their We Deliver! Program, a service that allows current and active Planned Parenthood patients to order birth control pills and other contraceptive supplies by phone, fax, U.S. mail or online.

Planned Parenthood also offers other services, such as testing for STDs, pregnancy, HPV vaccines, and pelvic exams.

For those who are financially unable to pay for these services, Planned Parenthood does have help available.

"We have the Recession Rx program in certain markets to help offset costs, as well as our HOPE program," Kate Shepherd said. "We take most forms of insurance and have a number of programs available to help patients who may need help paying for health care. Call your local health center for details on what assistance is available at that site."

No matter what financial situation one may be in, it should not be the reason not to be getting good health care.

"Planned Parenthood of Indiana believes money issues should not prevent anyone from seeking preventive, reproductive health care," Shepherd said.

For more information on the half-price birth control pills and to find out more detailed information about the services offered at Planned Parenthood, check out the Planned Parenthood of Indiana website at www.ppin.org or call 1-800-230-PLAN.

Break falls in Senate

Staff Report

During last week's Faculty Senate meeting, the discussion of inserting a fall break into the academic calendar briefly surfaced.

During the discussion, the Chair of the Academic Support Services Committee, Information Systems professor LaVon Green, stated that the decision's Dec. 1 deadline will not be met. However, if the Faculty Senate did decide on the matter, fall break would not be implemented until 2010.

Steven Foreman, Student Representative on the Faculty Senate, asked the committee if a fall break can be included in the five-year academic calendar. Green stated that a five-year calendar is currently in development, but does not include a fall break.

According to Communications Professor Thomas Roach, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, if fall break is added to the academic calendar, students would receive two days off in October, but will be required to return to class a week earlier in August.

Student Body President David Ober stated he was "enlightened to hear that one of the members of the Faculty Senate asked his colleagues what their sentiments were regarding fall break."

"Professor Feng-Song Wang reported that in the biology department, the proposal was affirmed 8 to 3," Ober continued. "It would be interesting to know what kind of response we would get if more faculty followed his example."

Foreman stated SGA is in the process of developing a student survey regarding their thoughts about including a fall break into

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update

Taking advantage of 'Early Registration' for spring is really a big deal!

Hey students,

Did you know that Early Registration is underway?

What, you ask, is the big deal about Early Registration?

The simple answer is that it is your best friend for helping maximize your chances of arranging the class schedule you want – perhaps even need – for next semester.

Enroll early through Dec. 18

Continuing through Dec. 18, Early Registration provides students the opportunity to enroll early for the Spring 2010 semester.

And why is that such a big deal?

Well, for starters, failure to take advantage of the current Early Registration period means you would have to wait until Open Registration (Jan. 6-15) to set your spring schedule. Anyone who has endured the Open Registration hassle of waiting, more waiting and still waiting to register and pay fees knows it is not an experience to relish.

Besides, while you're waiting in one of those I-can't-believe-it's-this-long, amazingly-slow moving lines to finalize your class schedule, someone ahead of you may be staking claim to the last seat in the one (or two) class(es) you absolutely need.

It's been known to happen.

No down payment!

What's more, by taking advantage of the current Early Registration period, those of you who plan to pay your spring semester fees by using the Automatic Payment Plan can arrange for five monthly payments (December-April) with NO DOWN PAYMENT required if you register by Nov. 23.

Wait to register until Open Registration, and Automatic Payment Plan participants will have to pay their spring fees by making a 20 PERCENT DOWN PAYMENT with the remainder spread over three monthly payments.

So how big a deal is Early Registration? Your call.

What's Going On?
A Look Around...

Professionalism in the Workplace
A workshop hosted by Student Employment's Get SET series on Nov. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in SUL 321.

Part-Time Jobs Career Fair
Sponsored by Career Services, this career fair will be held at the Merrillville Academic Learning Center on Nov. 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Collect the Evidence: Application Documents
Graduate School Investigation helps students with résumés, results, and recommendations on Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in SUL 321. Sponsored by Career Services.

Help needed for set building
Help is needed to construct scenery for the Purdue Theatre Company on the upcoming play, Off the Map. Scenery will be built on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Hall. For more information call Corya Channing at 989-2267.

Suicide survivors support meet Nov. 15
Purdue University Calumet's "Healing Circles" suicide survivor support groups will meet Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the university's Couple and Family Therapy Center, one and one-fourth miles west of campus at 1247 169th St. Other information is available by contacting the center at 219/989-2027 or facilitator Karen Lawrence at clawrence5198@sbcglobal.net or 219/844-5198.

I-STEM Northwest simulated job fair for 7-12th graders is Nov. 11
More than 600 Northwest Indiana middle school and high school students will learn firsthand from employers how they should prepare for future jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at a simulated job fair, Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Purdue University Calumet gymnasium.
Four sessions are scheduled between 8:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Middle schoolers will be present from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Other information can be obtained by contacting Luncsford at 219/989-2060 or luncsfor@calumet.purdue.edu.

H1N1 vaccine available for students
Purdue Calumet's Student Health Services Center has received a limited supply of H1N1 influenza inactivated vaccine. Similar to a seasonal flu shot, this vaccine is intended to be injected into one's arm.

More information about the H1N1 vaccine available to Purdue Calumet students can be obtained by contacting the university's Student Health Services Center at shscenter@calumet.purdue.edu or 219/989-1235.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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PUC hosts robotics Lego state qualifying tournament Saturday, Nov. 14
Fifteen northwest Indiana middle schools will compete in the FIRST Lego League Indiana global robotics qualifying tournament, Saturday, Nov. 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at Purdue University Calumet's Fitness & Recreation Center.

Purdue Calumet hosts Veterans Day convocation Nov. 11
Purdue University Calumet will host a Veterans Day program featuring remarks, music and refreshments, Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in Alumni Hall of the university's Student Union & Library.

Tuesday, Nov. 10
Free Pretzels with Cheese
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or while quantities last)
SUL Concourse

Wednesday, Nov. 11
Operation Night Café (Free coffee)
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (or while quantities last)
CLO Concourse

Friday, Nov. 13
Family Movie Night Friday
"Beverly Hills Chihuahua"
6 p.m. at the SUL TV Room

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Just say 'no' to childbirth

Joelle Halon
News Editor

A friend of mine asked me when I planned on having children. I laughed, because the idea of giving birth and raising children repulses me. When it comes to giving birth, I've heard people say that it's like trying to pass a Surburban with its doors open through a tiny shoot. To that, I say "no thank you."

Don't get me wrong. Kids are cute... but only when they belong to someone else.

I currently don't feel like having a child right now is a good idea for two reasons: One, on a personal level, I'm selfish; and two, the state of the world is just not welcoming for a child.

As I look down my life's road, after I eventually earn my Master's degree--as it seems, I'm on the life plan through no fault of my own—all I want to do is teach composition, write full-time, and travel. Nowhere on my checklist do I see "Raise a child." It would be selfish of me to bring someone into this world that will suffer severely because I want to only live for me.

Additionally, I just lack the patience. Children make me want to scream bloody murder, which already qualifies me for the "Worst Mother of the Year" award if, to quote "Pan's Labyrinth," I do fall "sick with baby."

"Children make me want to scream bloody murder, which already qualifies me for the 'Worst Mother of the Year' award"

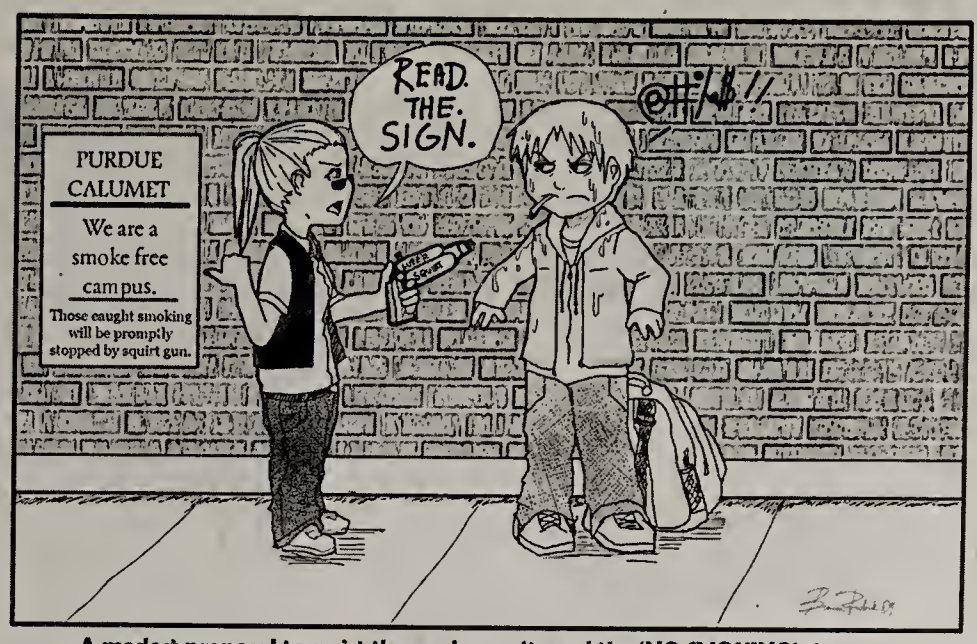
As for the world state, contrary to what some think, we're still in a recession. The unemployment rate is high, and even if the U.S does fully recover from the economic crisis, future generations will be paying for our current stimulus packages via high inflation. I don't want to punish any child this way because of things he or she wasn't a part of.

The world is also overpopulated. According to the "World Factbook," there are 6,602,224,175 people nationally. With so many people, our natural resources are disappearing and land is becoming less available. I wonder if people think about this.

There are so many children waiting for families to love them, so why don't people adopt? Celebrities scoop children up like designer Gucci bags, so it is possible. Adoption is expensive, but wouldn't that child be more precious because he or she was rescued from a life in an orphanage?

This is a personal choice of the individuals involved in wanting to create children. For me, the little darlings will not enter into my future.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Joelle at Joelle_Halon@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.



A modest proposal to assist those who can't read the 'NO SMOKING' signs.

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Should we get a break?

The issue: PUC doesn't follow the same schedule as West Lafayette.

Our position: Fall break is beneficial to PUC students.

PUC often tries to have the best of both worlds, being a convenient commuter campus with a prestigious university tie. The balance of appreciating our Purdue name while taking advantage of our individuality can be a hard act to balance, and the issue of fall break is waiting to be placed on the scale.

In discord with other Purdue campuses, PUC starts its fall semester a week later than its counterparts. Likewise, we miss the opportunity for the fall break which students at other Purdue locations enjoy. There seems to be no real reason our calendar is different; maybe it is just for the sake of being different. However, if the students would rather start a week earlier and have a few days off mid-semester, shouldn't the PUC administration listen?

A fall break would be very beneficial, as it occurs during the time of mid-terms. While dealing with such a stressful time, students need to unwind, study or just have fun. Yet this opportunity is not afforded to us at PUC, and the disturbing lack of administration reasoning is unfair.

With the benefits of being more cohesive with the rest of our fellow Purdue campuses, and with the need to relieve stress around mid-terms, PUC students have a strong argument for a fall break. This has been proposed time and again to the administration, which turns the idea down or tables it until some unknown time. Yet no good reason is ever provided.

Open communication is needed between the university and its students. We have brought this issue to the table with our reasoning several times, but the administration does not seem to provide a good enough answer as to why we cannot pursue this scheduled break. This is disconcerting, and leads us to wonder what else may be ignored by university officials for the sake of autonomy, when being aligned with other Purdue campuses may actually benefit us in the long run.

Is the best interest of the students really being put forth? We simply don't know.

Comments?
Post a 'Letter to the Editor' at pucchronicle.com

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Let's talk about sex

Gina Barone
Entertainment Editor

I think Andre 3000 said it best by saying, "clean up your acts, pull up your pants, ladies and gents, please, act like you got some sense." So when did it become acceptable to act like complete prostitutes? And, yes, I am referring to the male population as well.

It's as though one day our society woke up and decided Girls Gone Wild was something to aspire to. Females like Paris Hilton light up the screen with sex tapes, Tucker Max writes books/movies about his latest conquests, Viagra anniversary commercials pop up every five minutes and artists like Lady Gaga make Madonna look like Mother Theresa.

It's not that I don't appreciate sex appeal or think the subject should be off limits; in fact I feel quite the opposite. While sex is thrown in our faces 24/7 by the media, it is still regarded as a taboo subject, which is part of the problem. By making something off limits, it immediately becomes an obsession.

Sex is obviously an American obsession. According to The Guttmacher Institute, nearly 75 percent of teenagers have had intercourse by 20; only 15 percent report remaining virgins until 21. The Institute also reports that teens in the US are more likely to have sex before 15 and to have more than one partner in a year, than teenagers in Sweden, France, Canada and the United Kingdom.

There are plenty of reasons not *to drop one's pants with ease, health* being a subject of much notability. According to the American Social Health Association, more than half of all people will have an STD at some point in their life. The estimated total number of people living in the US with a STD is over 65 million.

Pregnancy is also a cause for concern. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy states that **half** of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, which is 3 million each year.

These statistics are all good reasons to think before "dropping trou," however the threat of an STD or an unplanned pregnancy should not be the main reason to act responsibly.

Many different faiths hold some kind of moral standards in regards to sexual practice. While I respect this, I also feel in some respects it takes away some personal responsibility. You should want to be a decent person who respects yourself and others, not because anyone tells you to, because you might be punished if you don't, or because you'll be rewarded if you do.

Human beings are animals with normal healthy sexy drives. People should not have to hide in the shadows or have a scarlet letter branded to their chest if they decide to partake in sexual activities. All I'm pointing out is some responsibility and perhaps even emotion would be a nice addition to the act.

What happened to getting to know someone and actually developing feelings before wanting to consummate the relationship? This seems to be some far away nostalgia that has long since been abandoned.

How about respect for ourselves and others by acting like responsible human beings, remembering control over our psychical urges is what puts us aside from the rest of the animal kingdom.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Gina at chronicle_entertainment@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

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user-friendly environment for lounging and doing research, if students aren't attracted to the library, they'll ask why they need to research there."

For class research, if necessary materials cannot be found at the PUC library, Choudhury suggested that students visit the Valparaiso University library or Notre Dame, which is a government depository, meaning that Indiana residents are welcome.

If students are willing to commute, Choudhury also recommended using the University of Chicago library, but students are not guaranteed to get in because they are students in Indiana.

In terms of fulfilling needs, Choudhury and others encourage students to talk to the chancellor about improvements that need to be made to the library.

In the short-term, there is a national campaign called "The Right to Research." The Right to Research campaign is an online petition that students and professors are encouraged to sign in order to make scholarly academic journals more widely available on college campuses.

According to the mission statement, "students on campuses across the country are in danger of losing access to journals that provide them with cutting edge research– research crucial for a complete education in any field of study."

The document also mentions *how taxpayers pay for articles in the journal to be written and published*; therefore, students should have access to these journals for no charge.

By participating in the campaign, students can begin improving research needs nationally. On the PUC campus, however, each student needs to take a step in order to improve their PUC library experiences now and in the future.

PUC alumni honored at gala

Marissa O' Donley
Staff Writer

On Nov. 6, PUC honored several of its alumni on Alumni Leaders Day. All of PUC's different academic departments were represented by at least one alumnus.

At least two of the alumni are recognizable by PUC students: PUC lecturers Richard Gianni and Jeff Schieb. Alumnus April Heltsley, who was unable to attend the event, lectures at Indiana University.

In the opening statements of the awards ceremony, Chancellor Howard Cohen said, "it is the pleasure of PUC to honor such upstanding alumni, and we are delighted that you have taken the time to revisit Purdue." Cohen gave the medals to each alumni and took pictures with them.

After the awards ceremony, there was an open forum in which the alumni were asked questions by the attendants. One of the first questions was in regards to what was a major influence on their choice of career.

Communication and creative arts alumnus Roman Modrowski, senior editor at ESPNChicago.com, said *The Chronicle* had a big impact on him; It was a hands-on experience that gave him confidence and showed him that he had writing abilities.

Another question was what changes the alumni noticed in PUC since they graduated. History and political science alumnus Richard Gianni said he never left the school. Gianni also stated that besides there being new faculty and buildings, PUC has improved and grown.

"Alumni should be proud," Gianni said. Nursing alumnus Patricia Breitweiser agreed.

After the forum, attendants were given a chance to network and speak to the alumni in a more open setting. During this portion, Breitweiser spoke highly of the nursing program at PUC. She said the students coming out of the program are well prepared, and she is pleased that PUC's nursing school is becoming more internationally recognized.

Information systems alumnus Kasey Rodell had comments about Alumni Leaders Day. "The event was more than I expected," Rodell said, also mentioning that she enjoyed the open forum.

Just as Cohen stated, PUC is proud of the alumni, and many of the alumni stated the same about PUC. As said by accounting alumnus Michael Januszewski: "We are all a testament of what Purdue can do."

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Patricia Breitweiser, an alumni from the school of nursing, said her PUC experience took her from "Fred Flintstone" to "The Jetsons" in a Q & A session during "Celebrate Alumni Success."

Dancing the night away at Homecoming

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Students let loose at Saturday's Homecoming Dance. The dance ran from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Calumet Conference Center, a few hours after the Homecoming basketball games.

'Inspired Leaders' series concludes with workshop

Marissa O' Donley
Staff Writer

The Inspired Leaders series is an annual set of workshops held by PUC. In these workshops, students learn about leadership and taking on leadership roles.

Students that attend the workshops can be given memberships based off how many they attend. Memberships are ranked as silver, gold and platinum and are determined by how many workshops students attend per year. For example, if a student attends five workshops during their first year, they earn a silver membership. Gold membership is earned the second year with an additional five workshops, and platinum is achieved the third year with 15 workshops in total.

Membership awards can be listed on resumes as an accomplishment and even included in the co-curricular transcript PUC introduced during the summer.

The subjects covered in the workshops are different. Some of the topics include leadership, personal development, professional development, communications, job skills and teamwork. Different individuals, including those within PUC and leaders around NWI, put on the leadership workshops. PUC's Howard Cohen is one of the many speakers in the Inspired Leaders Series.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the final workshop for the Fall 2009 semester is for Leadership and Diversity. The event will take place in Alumni Hall at 5 p.m. Magdalena Milne, accounting manager at KPMG, will be speaking at the event.

A representative for the workshops could not be reached at press time.

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Students get fired up at PUC pep rally

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Students and faculty dine on free food offered at Thursday's pep rally, including mini corndogs, mini tacos, vegetables and fruit. The event was sponsored by Student Activities.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

The mens and womens basketball team dance to the Cha Cha Slide during Thursday's Homecoming pep rally.

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the academic calendar. Professor April Clark, former research associate at the PEW Research Center, is working with SGA during the development of this survey in order to assure that it is not biased.

Roach mentioned the survey should include a statement about the possibility of students returning to classes a week sooner during the semester in order to accommodate a break.

Green, who develops the academic calendar, stated returning sooner may not necessarily be the case.

"The Student Government will continue to advocate for a fall break and I look forward to seeing the results of the survey, which should be distributed soon," Green said.

"It is very interesting how disparate the student perspective is from that of the faculty. The Faculty Senate seems obsessed with this matter of autonomy from Purdue University West Lafayette," Green said.

Green concluded with, "my perspective as a student is that Purdue Calumet should be striving to become more like the main campus. Our university should share much more than just a name."

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Prepping for grad school doesn't have to be stressful

Joelle Halon
News Editor

If you're a student graduating from PUC either this fall or in the spring 2010 semester and are looking to attend graduate school, now is the time to prepare.

PUC's department of English and Philosophy held a graduate dinner in the Writing Center on Nov. 3. Current and prospective graduate students attended. Prospective graduate students had an opportunity to learn about what is expected in graduate school, while current graduate students had the opportunity to learn about the thesis and exam options that PUC offers toward earning a Master's degree.

English instructors Mita Choudhury, Jade Lee Lynch, Carolyn Boiarsky, Clement Stacy, Karen Bishop-Morris, Colin Fewer and Department Head Dennis Barbour spoke at the event. Successful PUC alumni also attended to discuss graduate school preparation and post-graduate school success.

An undergraduate in attendance mentioned that preparing for graduate school is one of the most stressful events in her life. With the filing of applications and writing the statement of purpose looming over, graduate school preparation seems like a death sentence, however, this doesn't need to be the case.

In order to ease stress, check out the programs of prospective schools first. Check their requirements, visit the campus, and talk to the professors to gain more insight of the school and the programs.

Additionally, finding alumni from the universities you are applying to, can help gain insight about the school from the student point-of-view.

For most universities, graduate school applications are located online. Along with the application, students need to complete a statement of purpose.

For the SOP, some universities give students a topic to write about, whereas others do not. In the SOP, be sure to include why you chose a particular university, your plan of study and plans after graduate school. Some universities provide a word limit for the SOPs, so refer to the application instructions.

Another requirement for graduate school preparation is a letter of recommendation. Again, the university you apply to will state on the application how many letters of recommendation are needed. Ask the professors who know your work best to write a recommendation.

For current graduate students, preparing for a thesis or exam is added pressure under their current class load. For the thesis option, alumnus Cindy Torres, who is currently attending classes toward her PhD at Purdue West Lafayette, mentions students need to choose something they are passionate about for a topic. If the topic doesn't interest teh student, the task will be more daunting.

Rachel Miller, another alumnus, discussed taking exams instead of writing a thesis. Miller mentioned that a semester before she took the exams, she took the time to brush up on the literature she read in previous courses to prepare. She recommended current students do the same.

Gonzalez&Barone on films

THIS IS IT
DUAL REVIEW

Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Michael Jackson's 'This Is It' is a collection of rehearsals that Michael recorded for his personal library. When watching 'This Is It,' a flood of emotions and thoughts cannot help but flood the mind. On opening weekend, 'This Is It' was the number one movie at the box office, and it is easy to see why.

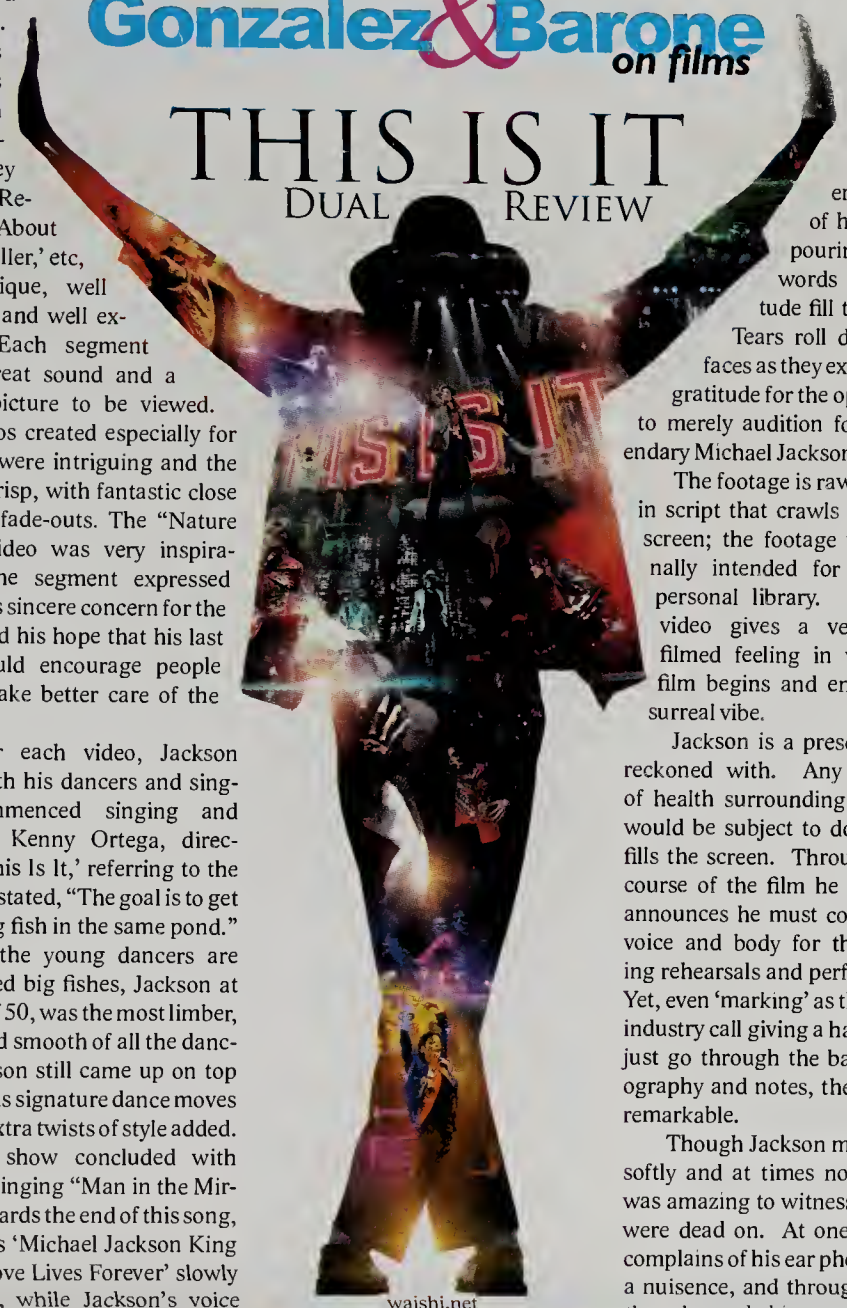
The video starts with dancers expressing their feelings about making it past the auditions. After each dancer tells their story about how they got to the auditions the video flashes back to the audition process and we see Jackson sitting there, hand picking his dancers. Kenny Ortega, the director, announced to all the dancers, "Everyone in a Michael Jackson show is an extension of Michael Jackson." after hearing this, the dancers seemed even more motivated to give the show their absolute all.

'This Is It' gives you a little taste of Jackson's personality. Throughout the rehearsals Jackson was very hands on with creating new dances moves, enhancing music notes; the list goes on. Jackson knew exactly what he wanted and just about every segment contained portions where Jackson had positive critique. With each positive critique, Jackson assured everyone the critique was, "with love, L-O-V-E." Then there were those moments when everyone would engage in playful banter, or everyone would encourage Jackson to sing at his normal tone *while Jackson would plead that* he needed to conserve his voice. The entire crew and Jackson all meshed well and worked hard together just like a family.

A lot of hard work, time, and energy was put into making Jackson's last tour the show of a lifetime. Jackson had created something special for every song. Many of the songs had little videos that were to be shown before Jackson started his song. Songs such as 'Smooth Criminal,' 'They Don't Really Care About Us,' 'Thriller,' etc, were unique, well planned, and well executed. Each segment had a great sound and a perfect picture to be viewed. The videos created especially for the tour were intriguing and the picture crisp, with fantastic close ups and fade-outs. The "Nature Song" video was very inspirational; the segment expressed Jackson's sincere concern for the earth, and his hope that his last tour would encourage people to help take better care of the earth.

After each video, Jackson along with his dancers and singers commenced singing and dancing. Kenny Ortega, director of 'This Is It,' referring to the dancers, stated, "The goal is to get all the big fish in the same pond." Though the young dancers are considered big fishes, Jackson at the age of 50, was the most limber, poise, and smooth of all the dancers. Jackson still came up on top with all his signature dance moves and the extra twists of style added.

The show concluded with Jackson singing "Man in the Mirror." Towards the end of this song, the words 'Michael Jackson King of Pop Love Lives Forever' slowly faded in, while Jackson's voice *echoed, "Make that change."* Whether you are Jackson's number one fan or your best friend dragged you along to see "This Is It," you will be able to enjoy and appreciate the passion and hard work Jackson put into creating the best show, especially for his fans! For those that have yet to see 'This Is It,' not to worry: 'This Is It' will be in theaters until Thanksgiving.



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THE VERDICT

Michael Jackson's "This Is It" gets the "Pere-grin" from both Gonzalez & Barone

Gina Barone
Ent. Editor

Dancers in awe of his artistry, pouring out words of gratitude fill the screen. Tears roll down their faces as they express their gratitude for the opportunity to merely audition for the legendary Michael Jackson.

The footage is raw, as stated in script that crawls across the screen; the footage was originally intended for Jackson's personal library. The basic video gives a very home-filmed feeling in which the film begins and ends with a surreal vibe.

Jackson is a presence to be reckoned with. Any questions of health surrounding his death would be subject to doubt as he fills the screen. Throughout the course of the film he repeatedly announces he must conserve his voice and body for the upcoming rehearsals and performances. Yet, even 'marking' as those in the industry call giving a half effort to just go through the basic choreography and notes, the man was remarkable.

Though Jackson mostly sang softly and at times not at all, it was amazing to witness his notes were dead on. At one point, he complains of his ear phones being a nuisence, and through most of the rehearsals his ear phones are plainly dangling around his neck. On the stage there are so many things going on; a plethora of instruments, effects and dancers and though there are usually one or two speakers facing the stage, most face out towards the audience, which makes it next to impossible to hear oneself think, let alone hit every note. Jackson was never out of breath, even when dancing vigorously.

He also has a message for his fans which he stated in words to his fellow artists and in his music which was of great importance. Jackson was a huge advocate of the planet and wanted to reach out to make sure everyone got the message to go green for the planet before it's too late to reverse the damage human beings have done.

A perfectionist at his craft, Jackson stops and starts his rehearsals numerous times to point out any and all aspects of the production. What is also remarkable is the soft-spoken patient manner in which he corrects. Any error that is pointed out is done in his own words, "with love." The musicians proclaim their respect for Jackson and profess their gratitude in being able to work with an artist that truly knows every facet of his music.

What unravels before viewers eyes is nothing short of magic. Jackson was known for pushing the limits of artistry and then taking that to the next level. There were pyrotechnics, amazing stunt choreography, mind-blowing musicians, gigantic graphic screens, and what looked to be incredible costumes of which the designers proclaimed non-the-likes had ever been created. This production would have been nothing short of a spectacular display of some of the best talent the world had to offer and it brought tears to the eyes of movie goers knowing how the story ended.

The world is still mourning the loss of such an artistic genius, however to attend Michael Jackson's This is It is to rejoice in the thrill he brought to his fans. The film allows the viewers to take a peek into Jackson's last days and lets us all have a glimpse of what was sure to be, the production of a lifetime.

40 YEARS OF

SUNNY DAYS AND COUNTING

Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

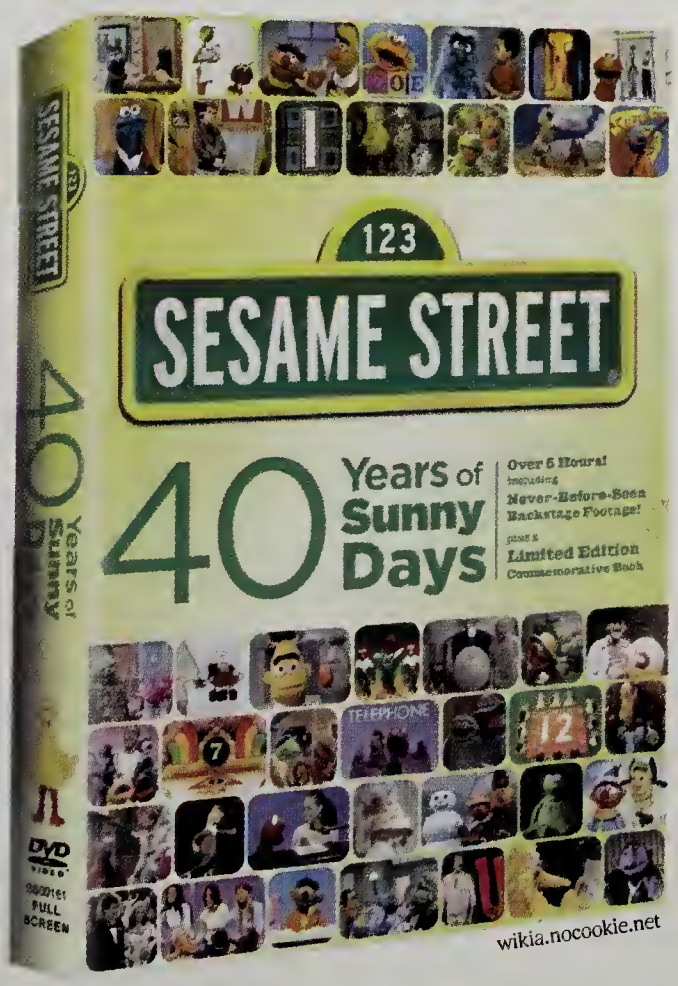
"Sunny day sweepin' the clouds away, on my way to where the air is sweet." Sesame Street opened with these lyrics and made a tremendous impact on children from Nov. 10, 1969 to the present.

Joan Cooney thought of having a television program that advertises and promotes learning especially for children and preschoolers. Jon Stone, one of the first writers for Sesame Street suggested Jim Henson's creation, the Muppets, for the show. The Muppets became the key ingredient to the success of Sesame Street. Once the idea of Sesame Street came alive, the last thing needed was a catchy name. According to the Sesame Street website, the writers picked the name "Sesame Street" because of the fable command from Arabian Nights, "Open Sesame!" Sesame was supposed to imply or suggest excitement and adventure and since the show was to take place in an urban street scene, the combination "Sesame Street" seemed a perfect combination.

Sesame Street is the longest running educational children's show. After 40 years of broadcasting, Sesame Street has won many awards over the years. Many say that Sesame Street is the longest running educational show because of how well Sesame Street has kept up with the changes over the decades. Sesame Street went beyond ABC's and talked about many issues that children go through, such as death, current events such as 911, habitats, life experiences and even inclusion of muppets in wheelchairs. In addition to the variety of topics, Sesame Street has also had many special guest stars, such as Adam Sandler, Cameron Diaz and Michelle Obama. Sesame Street has gone to great lengths to educate children in every shape and form possible.

On Nov. 10 a special 2-disc DVD set titled "Sesame Street: 40 years of Sunny Days" will be released. The DVD set will include six hours of songs, stories, celebrity segments, never before seen footage, and a limited edition commemorative book. New York City has also proclaimed Nov. 10 "Sesame Street Day" and will announce a temporary street naming in honor of the delightful children's show.

The Brooklyn Public Library will also be honoring Sesame Street with a three-month exhibit of Sesame Street memorabilia.



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Viral Videos

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Tony Danza Pre-Interview Goes Wrong
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqzlQu_6ZDk

Before an ABC news show interview, Tony Danza voices his hatred of being on local news without realizing he is on TV. However, at this stage of his career, local news probably sounds really good to Danza right now.

Elizabeth Lambert: Soccer's Dirtiest Player
http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1924465

The University of New Mexico player Elizabeth Lambert takes unsportsmanlike conduct to a whole new level, but since it is soccer, no one in the United States will ever watch it.

Parkour Fail Compilation
http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1924373

In the art of the fancy flips and extreme walking, sometimes the failed attempts are much more satisfying than the successful ones.

Bat Fight with Will Ferrell
http://www.funnyordie.com/videos/426608ab8c/bat-fight

Will Ferrell gives another Funny or Die exclusive about the noble art of bat fighting. The first time I saw Ferrell with the wig, I thought it was going to be a parody of Ric Flair.

Christopher Walken performs "Poker Face"
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJDx3H_hvI8

Not much more can be said about the greatness that is Christopher Walken as he performs a spoken word rendition of Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" on "Friday Night with Jonathan Ross" on BBC1.

The Sims Horror Movie
http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1922223

Finally, there can be a horror movie where the audience is the villain. I always knew that Simlish was really a cry for help.

Health & Fitness corner

LeAnne Munoz
Editor in Chief

Everyone's lifestyle is different in some way. Athletes devote a part of their lifestyle to the sport of their choosing, students devote part of their lifestyle to working hard to make a certain grade, and some may take on a certain lifestyle in regards to their eating habits.

When one hears the word 'vegetarian,' they might conjure up images of people who only eat salad and tofu, and never splurge for yummy cake or juicy cheeseburgers.

The following is a list of the many types of vegetarians.

Vegan – According to Veggievistors.com, this diet excludes any type of animal-derived ingredients, which include meats, eggs and dairy products. "Raw Vegans" only consume unprocessed vegan foods. Vegan diets can include beans, vegetables, fruits, and grains. Vegan versions on food can be found, such as vegan burgers and vegan ice cream.

Lacto-Vegetarian – According to Buzzle.com , this diet excludes any type of animal meat and eggs, but includes other dairy products, such as milk, cheese and butter.

Lacto-ovo-Vegetarian – According to Veggievistors.com, this diet excludes animal meat of any type, but includes eggs and dairy products.

Fruitarian – According to DietsinReview.com, 75 percent of this diet is made up of the consumption of raw fruits. The fruitarian diet means that the person can only eat fruits, nuts, seeds and any other item that comes from a plant, as long as the plant itself is not harmed in the gathering process.

Flexitarian – According to medicinenet.com, flexitarians mainly consume a vegetarian diet, but will occasionally consume animal meat products.

Pescatarian – According to Pescetarianlife.com, this diet excludes any animal meat except those in the fish family, such as mollusks and crustaceans. People who follow the Pescatarian diet are able to choose whether or not they would like eggs or dairy to be present in their diet.

Pollo-Vegetarians – According to Suite101.com, this diet excludes the consumption of red meat and pork, but allows the consumption of poultry, eggs and dairy products.

If you are considering a change in your eating habits, and would like to find more information about the types of vegetarians, please visit goveg.com.

If you would like to find vegetarian recipes, restaurants or products, please visit vegcooking.com for more information.

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This week's DVD releases

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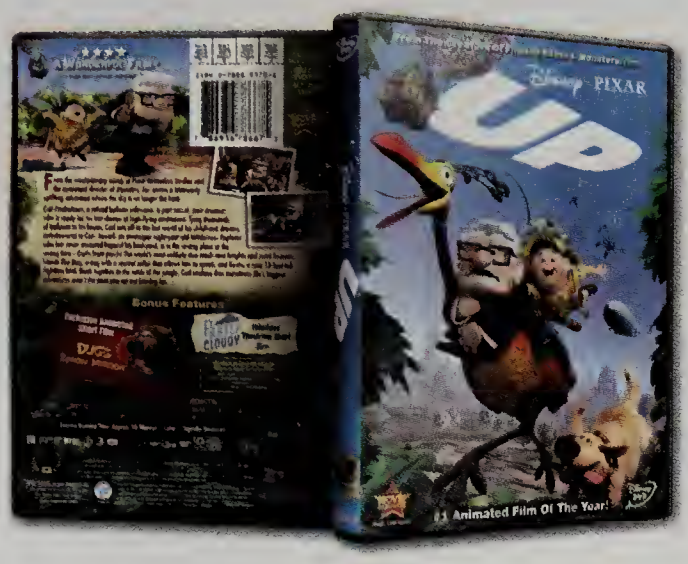

A seemingly mean old man with a heart for adventure sets out on a journey in a house floated by balloons to fulfill a promise he once made to his wife.

Rated PG for action and some peril.

A producer for a morning show who is unlucky in love enlists the help of a male-chauvinist co-worker who tries to show her the truth about dating.

Rated R for sexual content and language.

After radio talk show host Dr. Lloyd convinces his fiancée to break their engagement, the jilted groom is determined to exact revenge on Lloyd.

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual content.

WEBSITE REVIEWS

This site gets an 'F' for fun

http://www.FMyLife.com

William Koester
Staff Writer

The creators of the Internet probably saw it as a way to make mankind better. Using their creation, people could communicate with friends and loved ones from all over the world. Also, when a major event happened, people would hear about it immediately, instead of having to wait for the newspaper the next day.

Well, the Internet is used for that, but mostly, people choose to use it to just do stupid things. The World Wide Web has given many a loser with too much time on their hands an opportunity to share their thoughts and creations with the world. And don't forget all the naughty websites that always come up whenever someone looks up even the most innocent things on Google.

But among all the garbage on the web, there are a few sites that, while very pointless, are harmless. At best, they're amusing, and at worst, they're no bigger a waste of time than watching TV. One such website that seems to be popular right now is FMyLife.com.

For those who don't know, the F in the title stands for a certain word that can't be printed in this paper. It comes from the online and text message slang FML, which people generally use when they've had a bad day.

The site features many stories of the horrible days had by various people. They're even split into separate categories depending on their subject matter, such as kids, work, and love. Anyone who wants to share their painful stories can submit them for everyone on the web to see. Most stories on the site are pretty funny, though one has to wonder how many of them are actually true (indeed, some stories are so bad that hopefully they're not true).

There's really not much else to this site. The webpage looks like it took someone about ten minutes to create (which it probably did). Yet, it has gained quite a bit of popularity recently. The site receives many submissions each day, and there is even a link on the site to a page where web surfers can buy FML t-shirts and a book of the best stories from the site.

FMyLife.com isn't exactly the coolest site on the web, and it can't compete with things like movies, TV shows, or actual activity as far as having fun goes. But for anyone who needs a bit of levity while working on a long and tedious paper, or anyone who needs a quick escape from their soul-crushing office job, it serves its purpose.

A website your bladder can appreciate

http://www.runpee.com

Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Have you ever been in a situation were you're at the movie theatre, just as the movie enters into the middle of an intense scene, you got the urge to use the bathroom really bad? We've all been in this situation, but what are we supposed to do, sit there till the movie is over, or run to the bathroom and risk being confused throughout the rest of the movie. Well, runpee.com has the answer to this situation.

Runpee.com is a website that reviews movies and announces what time or point in the movie is a good time for moviegoers to relieve their bladder and bathroom needs. Runpee.com was the idea of Dan Florio. After he and his wife went to see the movie King Kong, they talked about how nice it would be if there was a website that mentioned when was a good time to run and use the bathroom. Florio decided to follow through with this idea and we now have runpee.com.

Runpee.com tries to have good bathroom times for every movie when it is released, however, it may be difficult because the Runpee movie watcher(s) can only view the movie when the movie actually comes out instead of being able to watch a pre-screening. Somewhere between the late afternoon, the new release movies should be reviewed and have a suitable bathroom time. Limited release and independent films are a bit difficult to review, especially if the movie is not playing near any of the Runpee movie watchers. The Runpee movie watchers can be anyone that wants to write down a good time to use the bathroom (or even go to the concession stand) during a movie that they have seen.

Some of the bathroom breaks are given at times that are important to the plot. So, many times the least crucial of all the points in the movie get the boot and become a bathroom break time. For instance, during 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince,' a good time to leave would be when Harry gets the enhanced or advanced potion book. This scene is important, but you're not going to be confused if you miss it, either. Another example would be 'Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All by Myself'; the Runpee time for this movie is when Gladys Knight sings her song. Though this is a fantastic song, missing it and the scene that follows is not as crucial as other scenes in the movie. Therefore, even though some important movie scenes are suggested to be missed, remember it is not as crucial as the other scenes are.

If you do not have time to run to a computer and check for a good time to use the bathroom, you can always get the Runpee App for your cell phone. The Runpee App is available for phones such as the iPhone. This app has a built in timer to let you know how long until your bathroom break and a vibration feature to remind you a few minutes before its time to take your break. The app is in progress for Android, Pre and Nokia. Blackberry phones will not be able to access this app because of how expensive it is to create it for blackberry and one app will not work on every phone. The Runpee App is available on iTunes.

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Season starts with a rough loss

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Kedric Williams shoots a free throw during Peregrines' game against Indiana Wesleyan on Friday. Williams shot 4 for 5 from the line.

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The season opener turned south quickly for PUC in a 90-55 loss at the hands of Indiana Wesleyan, as they competed in the Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 6 in the fitness center.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early lead and continued to pull away. The Peregrines found themselves unable to compete in the first half. PUC had a hard time matching up against the Wildcats' size.

"They had some good seasoned veteran players and we weren't getting good ball pressure," Coach Dan Voudrie said. "They had some really great big players."

The Peregrines found themselves down 53-20 going into halftime. Freshman point guard Bo Ray, who led the team in minutes played, said they weren't as focused as they should have been.

PUC came out with a different mindset in the second half, looking to play better said Ray.

"We talked with the coaches, then the coaches left for a little bit. We started talking with ourselves and said 'let's win the second half,'" said Ray.

Ray played eight more minutes than anyone else on the team – with 35 minutes total.

"Bo Ray did an incredible job playing all those minutes, for the last week he had been our third string point guard," Voudrie said.

Freshman center Kameron Bright, a pharmacy major, said the team came out with low energy in the first half.

"My biggest thing was putting people in that wanted to compete, it would have been a closer game in the beginning," Bright said. "That was my biggest thing—energy."

In the second half, Voudrie said he broke the game down into five minute intervals. The team had a goal to win each five minutes.

"Everybody played their hardest so that we could chip into that lead. That was probably the biggest thing we had changed coming out of halftime," Bright said.

Bright led the team with 14 points – all scored in the second half.

"If we play with energy, I believe there shouldn't be a team that will be able to compete with us. Once we get everyone back healthy, that will do even more for us," Bright said.

The Tip-Off, formerly the Kettle Classic, marks the opening of the men's basketball season for the Peregrines. PUC plays host to three other teams, this year including Indiana Wesleyan, East-West University and Indian Northwest.

Five new HoF inductees

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Larry Liddle, Rod Weingart, Bob Hayes, Lee Ann DeYoung, and Ed Blackmon accept their awards after being inducted into the PUC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nathyn Gibson
Photo Editor

Five more from PUC's athletic past can add the title Hall of Famer to their storied career as Bob Haynes, Lee Ann DeYoung, Rod Weingart, Larry Liddle and Ed Blackmon were inducted during the Nov. 7 men's basketball homecoming game.

After being called the Father of PUC Athletics by Dr. Robert Bunnell, Bob Hayes received a position in the Hall of Fame for his contributions from 1952-1989. During that time he served as an athletic director, a coach and an official statistician.

Hayes said in the beginning, basketball games were played on a dirt court with a wooden backboard and a chain net.

Traveling from Cummings, Georgia, to accept the award, Hayes said it's "always good to come back and see old friends."

Lee Ann DeYoung was inducted into the Hall of Fame due to the accomplishments she achieved when she played for the then-Lakers from 1984 to 1988. During her career, she averaged 24.7 points and 11.7 rebounds per game.

According to the PUC athletic website, she is the only player, men or women, in PUC history to break the 2,000 point barrier by scoring 2,592 points in her four-year career.

DeYoung said she would welcome the next future player at PUC to break her record.

"Records are meant to be broken," DeYoung said.

DeYoung is currently the JV coach for the Hornets in Elcho High School in Wisconsin.

Rod Weingart got honored for his contributions in baseball, soccer, and basketball.

Weingart said he was proud and surprised to receive the award.

While baseball was his favorite sport to play, Weingart achieved the most success in soccer, receiving two Indiana Collegiate All-State honors and being named 1972 Indiana-Ohio All-Star Game Most Valuable Player.

After graduating from PUC, he was drafted by the Indiana Tigers in the American Soccer Association.

According to Bunnell, Weingart is the only PUC graduate to ever be drafted by a professional sports team. Weingart said he still keeps in touch with the members of his team.

Larry Liddle was honored for his 19 years as the men's basketball coach from 1981 to 2000. He achieved 280 career victories and is a two-time CCAC Coach-of-the-Year.

Ed Blackmon was recognized for his two seasons playing basketball. During that time Blackmon scored 1,034 points and helped his team go 38-17.

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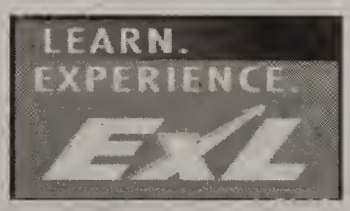

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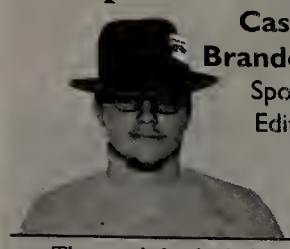

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team definitely has some things it needs to work on in early on in the season. Out of the gate, they are 0-2 with one blowout and one heartbreaking loss. The blowout is understandable; they were playing Indiana Wesleyan, which is ranked #9 in the NAIA preseason top 25 pole. A person could see how the Peregrines might struggle to compete with such a talented team.

Their heartbreaking home loss at the hands of Indiana Northwest, however, might depict some weaknesses. For much of the game, PUC seemed to have the RedHawks' number, but as the closing buzzer neared, the game seemed to slip away. It ended with a breathtaking finish, in which PUC lost by 1 point to our regional foes in Gary.

This team might have a problem closing out games this year. But who can blame them? They have 10 freshmen on the squad.

It's still early in the season, so a person could argue more games need to be played before a sound judgment can be made about this year's team. *They do have a lot of freshmen,* who have to quickly adjust to the game at a new level of play. Plus, a number of players were out of action for the Tip-Off Classic. Once these players make their way into the line-up, better results could soon follow.

On the other hand, the Tip-Off Classic could be an omen of things to come. This team is obviously talented, yet its youthfulness could be the drawback this season. It could take the entire season to season this squad.

Coach Dan Voudrie is starting from the ground up in building the men's program. He has three returning players from last season, plus a junior college transfer. But it might be a tall task to have four veteran players carry the team until the large number of freshmen is experienced enough.

Hopefully, the young gentlemen grab hold of what Voudrie is preaching and pick up on hard lessons gained only in real games. Otherwise, it could be a long season.

The Lady Peregrines seem to be flying high. They are 2-0 and seem to be poised for decent year. They were victorious at Homecoming, while their male counterparts had their hearts broken.

It could be too early to tell for the men's team... or we already know.

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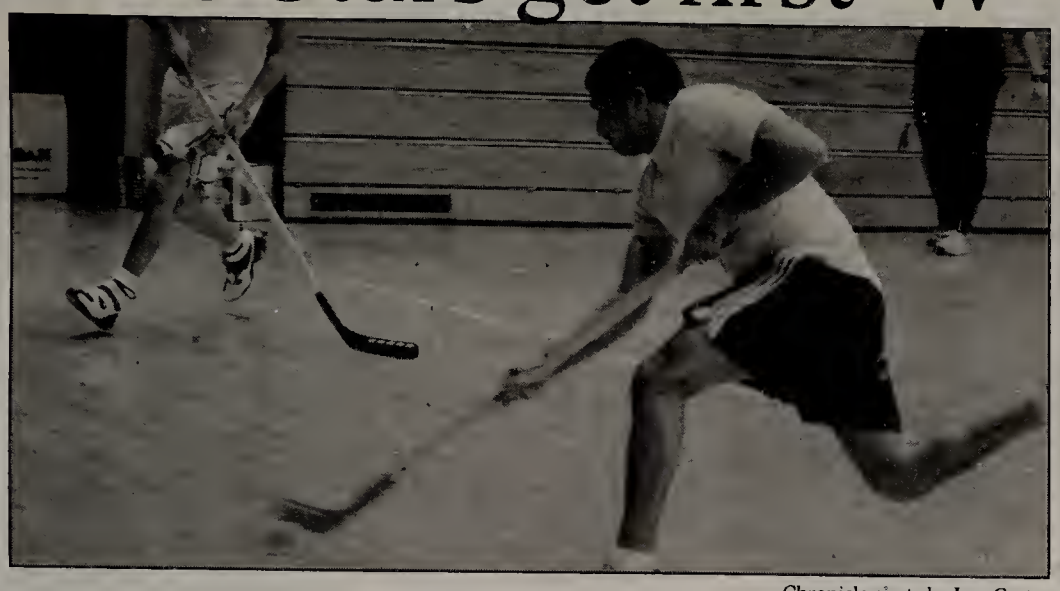
PUC Stars get first 'W'



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James Blakeley of the PC Stars attempt to score against the PUC BlackHawks. PC Stars defeated the BlackHawks 5-2.

Intramural Hockey - Week 4

Hockey League

Team	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Team America	4	0		8	29	8
The Scissor Me Timbers	2	2		4	15	20
PUC BlackHawks	1	3		2	7	16
PC Stars	1	3		2	8	15

Intramural Volleyball - Week 7

North

Team	W	L
Spiked Punch	6	0
High Class	5	1
Jive Turkeys	3	3
Spikers	3	3
Killa Aces	2	4
TBA	0	6

West

Team	W	L
New Flave	6	0
Kung Fu Panda	4	2
Expansion Team	3	3
Team Extreme	3	3
Powder And Lead	1	5
Not a Quick Glance	1	5

East

Team	W	L
Angels of Glory	6	0
Side Out	5	1
W.O.W.	3	3
Eurocream	1	4
Will Name Later	1	4
Dig This	1	5

South

Team	W	L
In the Net	5	1
TB	4	2
PUC Snipers	3	3
Bump,Set,Spike	2	4
Kiss our Pass	3	3
Serve-ivors	0	6

Intramural Flag Football - Week 6

N.F.F.C. (North)

Team	W	L
Highland	5	1
Ochocinco	3	3
Avengers	3	3
Farve Dollar Footlong	2	4
MeatHammers	0	6

A.F.F.C. (West)

Team	W	L
Rams	5	1
Ray Finkle All-Stars	4	2
4th N 1	4	2
Manchester Divided	3	3
Vanity Rushaz	0	6

N.F.F.C. (East)

Team	W	L
Ram Rod	5	1
Hall of Famers	4	2
American Dream	3	3
Purdue Calianz	3	3
Team Names	0	6

A.F.F.C. (South)

Team	W	L
Fantastik 4	5	1
Shake N Bake	4	1
PUC Bears	3	3
Dynasty	2	4
Scrubs	0	6

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

PUC Stars finally get into the win column as they beat the PUC BlackHawks 5-2 in intramural hockey league action on Nov. 3 in the Fitness Center.

The Stars were 0-3 coming into the competition, while the BlackHawks were 1-2. Graduate student in Science and Technology, James Blakeley of the PUC Stars said the team usually didn't have enough people to play.

"We played pretty well as a team, with no substitutes," Blakeley said.

Blakeley also said that this was the entire team's first year playing Intramural hockey, with none having previous experience.

The BlackHawks managed to get on the board first, but lost their one-goal lead early. Kenny Kurpela, a sophomore majoring in computer information systems, said it was a tough loss, but a decently played game.

"We're improving every game. This was probably our best game of the season," Kurpela said.

The League playoffs start Nov. 10, with all four teams playing a game on the first night. The first matchup of the night is between #4 PC Stars vs #1 Team American with an 8:00 p.m. puck drop.

The night's second match up is between #3 PUC BlackHawks vs #2 The Scissor Me Timbers with an 8:45 p.m. puck drop.

PEREGRINES

Women's Basketball

November			
Fri 11/13/09	Damen College (NY)	@Amherst, NY	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	Notre Dame (OH)	@Amherst, NY	2:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Bethel College	@Mishawaka, IN	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/21/09	St. Xavier University	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/24/09	IU South Bend	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
11/28/09	Holy Cross College	@Notre Dame, IN	12:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

November			
11/13/09	IU East	@Richmond, IN	9:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	IU Southeast	@Richmond, IN	3:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Michigan Dearborn	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/24/09	IU South Bend	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/28/09	Taylor University	@Upland, IN	3:00 p.m.

Men's Peregrines are 0-2. Women's Peregrines are 2-0

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy and Chris Strait

The Cavaliers are off to a disastrous 0-2 start. Things haven't been this bleak in Cleveland since, well, yesterday.

The Washington Redskins have banned fans from bringing signs into FedEx Field because they limit sightlines. At this point, limiting sightlines is the nicest thing the Redskins can do.

Brett Favre says he hasn't been thinking much about his return to Green Bay. Granted, he also said he was retiring. Fox will have a camera dedicated solely to Favre during Sunday's game. Which will be difficult, considering how often Favre changes direction.

The Kansas City Chiefs have suspended Larry Johnson for one game. Which he thinks is totally gay.

Glenn Davis broke his thumb after wrestling with a childhood friend in the backseat of his car. We're amazed that Glenn Davis can fit in the backseat of a car.

Andre Agassi has admitted he used crystal meth regularly during the 1990s. Which explains most of his outfits.

Jimmy Rollins believes the Phillies will win the World Series in five games. He also believes the world is flat.

Detroit Lions QB Matthew Stafford is expected to miss the next game. Well, he won't be there, but he won't miss it either.

London Fletcher was spotted throwing up on the sidelines during the Redskins' Monday night loss to the Eagles. Probably from watching the game.

The St. Louis Cardinals have hired Mark McGwire as their new hitting coach. The position of strength and conditioning coach was already taken.

Anthony Mason owes more than $1.8 million in state and federal taxes. Mason plans to shave an apology in his hair.

The Cleveland Cavaliers plan to save $40,000 by switching from paper Christmas cards to electronic ones. It was either that or charge Shaquille O'Neal a nickel every time he missed a free throw.

And Sam Bradford said his decision to forgo his senior season was the hardest thing he's ever had to do. Just wait until he has to sign a contract with the Buccaneers.

Read more at: www.minuteorso.com

Former PUC athlete receives Bob Hayes Award during Homecoming

Julie Sipek
Staff Writer

Dori Downing was awarded the Bob Hayes Athletic Alumni Award at half-time of the men's basketball game on Nov. 7.

This award is given to outstanding former PUC athletes. Hayes, the awards' namesake, coached and worked at PUC for 37 years and was the first athletic director.

Downing played basketball for four years at Munster High School as well as for four years at PUC. She now coaches girls' basketball at Calumet High School.

She has been a Coach of the Year Honoree twice in the Lake Athletic Conference and once in the Greater South Shore Conference.

Downing claimed she liked basketball ever since she was a kid, but was really inspired by her PUC coach Stacey Zurek.

"She understood the game and what it takes to be a good team," Zurek said, "To me, it's no surprise that she became such a good coach."

Zurek recalled Downing's playing days and said the team was always her top priority.

"There were no dorms back then, it was just a commuter campus so it was nice to see that there was someone on the team who kept them together." She said.

Downing accredits Zurek with much of her success on and off the court: "[Zurek] wasn't just a coach. She was a friend. She taught me about being part of a team."

One of Downing's former teammates was also honored. Lee Ann DeYoung was inducted into the PUC Hall of Fame.

"She's the best player I have ever been on an athletic field with," said Downing.

There were many others honored on Saturday as well, but Downing was the only one to receive the Bob Hayes award, of which she says she was "shocked and very flattered."

Starting the year off right

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

Lady Peregrines start the season off with a winner, as they coast to victory against Michigan Dearborn Nov. 5 in the fitness center.

The PUC fast-tempo offence scored early and often, enabling the Lady Peregrines to take a 28-15 lead midway through the first half. The Wolves then went on a run to close the gap to within six. The score at half time was 39-33 in favor of the PUC.

"The coach kind of got on us in the first half about our defense a little bit, and not letting them get into to the paint as much," freshman center Amanda Gaskin, a criminal justice major, said.

As the second half started the Lady Peregrines turned the ball over three straight times and looked a little flat.

"I feel like it's always been a problem for us to come out in the second half. I think it takes the first minute, than every one gets pumped again," Gaskin said, "If every one focuses a little more and we do our part, then we'll pick it up."

PUC warmed up, which enabled them to go on a 16-0 run and pull away from Dearborn to take a 58-39 lead. The Peregrines maintained the lead and cruised to victory with a final score of 78-62.

Freshman guard Tierra Turner achieved a double-double, with 14 points and 12 rebounds in the game.

Turner said the rebounds are not something she usually works on in practice.

Five of the Lady Peregrines reached double figures in scoring with junior guard Jennifer Britton, an elementary education major, leading with 15 points. The other three high-scoring Lady Peregrines were: MeMe Harris with 14 points, Stephanie Beck with 12 points and Alex Starr with 11 points.

"Our team effort was outstanding...with a very balanced attack," Coach Tom Megyesi said. "We had very unselfish players; that's what the team has to do to win down the road."

The Lady Wolves beat PUC by ten points in Michigan last year with a score of 103-93. The Lady Peregrines worked on defense this off-season. Megyesi said they were getting a lot better at it, but were not yet satisfied.

"We were very fortunate to beat them 78-62. I think we're doing things well and I'm excited about the season," Megyesi said.

Chronicle photo by Parvizsho Aminov

Tierra Turner shoots a free throw in the first half of the Peregrines' game against Michigan Dearborn. Turner was successful in all four of her free throw attempts.

Win big

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Sophomore guard Stephanie Beck, a hospitality and tourism management major, said the peregrines play fast tempo for a reason.

"That's what we are; we're fast. We don't have a lot of height," said Beck. "It's what we have to do; it's our game."

Beck finished the game with 16 points and three steals.

"It starts out with defense. A lot of my points start out with blocks, rebounds and steals for my teammates," Beck said.

The team forced 30 turnovers and 15 steals while holding Spring Arbor to 28.1 percent shooting

Junior guard MeMe Harris, a medicine major, led the Lady Peregrines with 18 points. Freshmen guard Tierra Turner achieved a double-double with 10 rebounds and 10 points.

Freshmen forward Natalie Sovich said it was good to be 2-0.

"I heard Spring Arbor *stomped us last year," Sovich* said. "It was a big win."

IUN win

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rie said.

This lack of defense allowed IUN to come back from what was a 14 point deficit. The Redhawks took the lead with just 4:50 left to play.

PUC was able to take back the lead with 4:25 left making the score 81-80. Seconds later, the game was tied at 84.

Each team scored a couple more times and IUN took the lead 89-88 with 7.7 seconds left.

PUC brought the ball up the court and couldn't do anything with it, so Voudrie called a time out with three seconds on the clock.

The Peregrines inbounded the ball and were able to put up three shots before the buzzer, none of which went in.

"I made a lot of bad decisions at Friday's game and I made some today, as well," Voudrie said.

Voudrie admitted that there needs to be more discipline to the way his team plays.

"It's always close when we play them," said Voudrie. "We jump out to big leads and let them back in."

"We had to work on our intensity, unity, and play as a team," said Stockamp.

It is still early in the season and there is plenty of time for the team to make any changes necessary. Voudrie himself feels that his team "has a lot of growing up to do."

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IUN steals a win

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Neal Hudson goes for a lay-up during the first half against IUN. Hudson scored 16 points and got eight rebounds in 28 minutes played.

Julie Sipek
Staff Writer

Indiana Northwest handed the Peregrines their second loss of the season in a gut-wrenching fashion Nov. 7, in the final game of the Tip-Off Classic. PUC had the final shot of the game, but was unable to make the basket. They lost by 1 point, with a final score of 89-88.

PUC went on a 7-0 run at the start of the homecoming game.

"We were excited and we felt like it was a game we needed to win to gain crowd support," Brant Stockamp, freshman forward and finance/marketing major, said.

The Peregrines maintained the lead throughout nearly the entire first half. They were ahead 48-37 at half-time and, according to Stockamp, team moral was up.

"We were all complimenting each other and we felt like we were in control," Stockamp said.

PUC continued to increase its lead at the start of the second half. Eight and a half minutes into the second half, the Peregrines were ahead 67-53.

Just as it was beginning to look like PUC was going to run away with the win, IUN began to creep back into the picture.

"We just went through a stretch where we played absolutely no defense," Coach Dan Voud-

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Lady Peregrines win big

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

The Lady Peregrines usher in homecoming with a win as they dominated Spring Arbor, with a final score of 72-44 on Nov. 7.

They controlled the court from the start by pushing the tempo and playing staunch defense. It was a team effort as the PUC 36-15 halftime lead was spread out between seven different players.

"I was pleased with our defense. I thought our kids were in the proper position, creating a lot of havoc for the other team," Coach Tom Megyesi said.

The Lady Peregrines' high-tempo offense was attributed to the deep bench this year.

"We're going to try and exploit that as much as we can to try and give everybody proper rest," Megyesi said.

The Lady Peregrines have subbed five players at a time so far this season. The starting five play for 4-5 minutes then are subbed out with the second team who get 3-4 minutes. In both contests so far in the season, the Lady Peregrines have had little drop-off once the starters leave the floor.

"[The 'second team' players] are taking a lot of pride in their responsibilities, each group plays a little bit different defense," Megyesi said. "It's their signature and that's fine."

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

MeMe Harris led her team in scoring with 18 points on Saturday's Homecoming game against Spring Arbor.

The offense and defense didn't take a break in the second half as PUC furthered the lead while making the other team work to score. The Lady Peregrines outscored their opponent 36-29 in the second half for the win.

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